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30 Million and Counting ...

Medicare Momentum Builds In Connecticut

NEW BRITAIN, CT – With 30 million seniors now covered under Medicare prescription drug plans, Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today highlighted Medicare's continued momentum and enrollment in Connecticut and across the country.

"With each passing day, more and more seniors sign up and save money on their medicines," Johnson said. "Medicare's momentum is undeniable. Seniors in Connecticut are saving money on the drugs they need and getting the peace of mind they deserve. The average senior is saving \$1,100 a year, and I've met seniors in Connecticut who are saving even more. Seniors without drug coverage should call 1-800-MEDICARE, a local senior center or Agency on Aging to ask about signing up for this important benefit."

Today, the Department of Health and Human Services announced that 30 million Medicare beneficiaries now have prescription drug coverage, surpassing its projections of 28-30 for million this year. **Included are 8 million seniors who had no drug coverage before.** Three million Medicare prescriptions are filled each day.

In Connecticut, nearly 338,000 Medicare beneficiaries now have drug coverage, including 102,000 seniors who previously had no drug coverage.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt also announced the average senior saved \$1,100 on their drugs after signing up for the Medicare drug plan.

Seniors with questions about the Medicare drug plan can call:

- Connecticut's CHOICES program toll-free hotline: 1-(800) 994-9422.
- Medicare's toll-free hotline: 1-(800) MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Or visit Medicare's website: www.medicare.gov.
- A local non-profit Agency on Aging:
 - In Meriden, call (203) 785-8533
 - In New Britain, Plainville and the Farmington Valley, call (860) 724-6443
 - In Waterbury, Danbury, Litchfield County and along I-84, call (203) 757-5449

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